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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. *(Currently amended)* An electronic game card comprising:

a planar card having three or more sides;

controller means in the planar card;

one or more communication means in the planar card and coupled to the controller means, wherein the communication means further include means for allowing communications between adjacent cards when two cards are placed close to each other, with one side of each card opposite a side of the other card; ~~and~~

user input means coupled to the controller means; and

a code reader coupled to the controller means and configured to read a card code from a detachable cover card coupled to a surface of the planar card.
2. *(Original)* The electronic game card according to claim 1, wherein the card is shaped so as to allow stacking cards in a bi-directional pattern.
3. *(Original)* The electronic game card according to claim 1, wherein the card is shaped as a planar triangle, square, pentagon or hexagon.

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4. *(Cancelled)*
5. *(Previously presented)* The electronic game card according to claim 1, wherein the user input means include push buttons, a keyboard or keypad or a combination thereof.
6. *(Original)* The electronic game card according to claim 1, further including a user output means.
7. *(Original)* The electronic game card according to claim 6, wherein the user output means include sound generating means.
8. *(Original)* The electronic game card according to claim 7, wherein the sound generating means include a loudspeaker or a piezoelectric device.
9. *(Original)* The electronic game card according to claim 6, wherein the user output means include Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), LED matrix or Liquid crystal Display (LCD).
10. *(Currently amended)* An electronic card game comprising:
a plurality of cards located on a bi-directional pattern adjacent to each other, wherein each card includes a controller and one or more communication devices, and wherein one of the

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cards is a master card operable to communicate with each card and to activate an output of each card according to rules of the games stored therein, and the rest of the cards are slave cards each having a personality code based on a card code of a cover card detachably coupled to each slave card.

11. *(Currently amended)* The electronic card game according to claim 10, wherein each slave card comprises a generic base for receiving the, ~~a detachable thin~~ cover card and means for reading the detachable thin cover card code.

12. *(Previously presented)* The electronic card game according to claim 11, wherein each detachable thin cover card contains both a graphic description and a corresponding coded description thereof.

13. *(Previously presented)* The electronic card game according to claim 10, wherein each slave is assigned a unique personality code.

14 - 17. *(Cancelled)*

18. *(Previously presented)* The electronic card game according to claim 10, wherein the master card further comprises a power source and interconnections to transfer power to the slave cards.

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19. *(Previously presented)* The electronic card game according to claim 10, wherein the master card further comprises connector to a personal computer.

20. *(Previously presented)* The electronic card game according to claim 10, wherein the master card further comprises installable memory device.

21. *(Previously presented)* The electronic game card according to claim 1, wherein the means for allowing communications between adjacent cards includes means for allowing power transfer between adjacent cards and means for allowing data transfer between adjacent cards.

22. *(Currently amended)* In an electronic card game having a plurality of cards connected to a respective plurality of bases, the plurality of bases electrically connected to a master controller, a method for operating the electronic card game, the method comprising:
supplying power from the master controller to each of the plurality of bases; ~~and~~
exchanging data between the master controller and each of the plurality of bases; and
reading an identification code on a surface of each of the plurality of cards with a
corresponding identification reader on each of the respective plurality of bases.

23. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 22 further comprising:

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receiving a user input at one of the plurality of bases, the base communicating the user input to the master controller;

processing the user input at the master controller based on at least one rule stored at the master controller to determine a result; and

providing an indicator at at least the one of the plurality of bases in response to the result.

24. *(Cancelled)*

25. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 22 further comprising the receiving at the master controller identification data from the plurality of cards through the plurality of bases.

26. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 22 wherein power is supplied directly from the master controller and at least one of the plurality of bases and power is supplied indirectly from the master controller and at least one of the plurality of bases, and wherein data is exchanged directly between the master controller and the at least one of the plurality of bases and data is exchanged indirectly between the master controller and the at least one of the plurality of bases.

27. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 25 further comprising processing the identification data from the card at the master controller.

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28. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 25 wherein the user input comprises actuation of a button at one of the plurality of bases.

29. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 28 further comprising detecting the amount of time of actuation of the button at one of the plurality of bases.

30. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 22 further comprising providing visual information at an output device of at least one of the plurality of bases.

31. *(Previously presented)* The method of claim 22 further comprising providing audio information.